

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT OFFICE

In re Application of  
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App. No.: 10/709218  
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Conf. No.: 3217  
Title: CONTROL METHOD FOR  
MOVING RACKS  
Examiner: J. Lanx  
Art Unit: 3635  
Commissioner for Patents  
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**THIRD STATUS LETTER**

Dear Sir:

This is further to the unanswered Status Letters filed April 23, 2006 and August 18, 2006. Now the Official Gazette, dated September 19, 2006, shows the oldest case awaiting action in this Art Unit is dated September 8, 2004 which is nearly 5 months later than the filing date of this case. Please advise when we may expect an Action on the merits in this case.

Respectfully submitted:



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